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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Marvin Glenn Tabor, age 56, of Torrance, California, pleaded guilty before Judge Gerald Bruce Lee, to one count of accepting illegal gratuities in connection with the performance of federal contracts for TRW in Redondo Beach, California. Tabor was sentenced to two years probation and ordered to pay a \$5000 fine. He was also ordered to pay Northrop Grumman (the recent purchaser of TRW) \$17,000 in restitution.

TRW, through its Space and Electronics Division in Redondo Beach, California, performed contracts for the National Reconnaissance Office in Chantilly, Virginia. In October 2000, in the Eastern District of Virginia, the Federal Bureau of Investigation opened an investigation which focused on the possibility that general contractors were violating the Anti-Kickback Statute by paying kickbacks or gratuities to TRW building managers as a reward for receiving TRW jobs, and that the cost of these kickbacks or gratuities was being passed on to the National Reconnaissance Office in Chantilly, Virginia.

Defendant Marvin "Glenn" Tabor was a TRW facilities manager at Redondo Beach who had discretion to hire a mechanical contractor to perform numerous jobs for TRW. Tabor accepted multiple gratuities from the mechanical contractor, most of which pertained to golf related tournaments or events, which included travel, hotel accommodations, meals, and green fees. The gratuities in total were valued at approximately \$17,000. Court documents did not identify the contractor.

The investigation was conducted by special agents of the FBI, Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and the Office of the Inspector General of the National Reconnaissance Office. The prosecution of the case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Stephen Learned.